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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 August 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6 and 11-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 6, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/24/2010 has been entered.
2. The response and amendment filed 8/24/2010 has been entered and fully considered.
3. Claims 1-3, 6 and 11-13 are presented.
4. Claim 1 is amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 3, 6, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tronche et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0025402 A1 in view of Oishi et al., JP2002-309119A.

Tronche teaches a radiation curable composition for optical discs comprising a photoinitiator (page 5, [0047]), a polymerizable monomer (page 5, [0052]), an epoxy

acrylate to increase curing speed (page 4, [0043]) and an alkali-soluble polymer (page 5, [0045]). Tronch teaches vinyl ethers and vinyl esters as the polymerizable monomer (instant claim 13) (page 5, [0052]). Although Tronch teaches a phthalocyanine dye in the composition, Tronch does not teach the specific structure of a copper phthalocyanine dye with the specific alkoxy groups as the substituents as claimed.

Additionally, Oishi teaches a phthalocyanine compound used for optical recording medium (paragraph 0001). The phthalocyanine dye as shown in formula 5 of Oishi is representative of the phthalocyanine green colorant in claim 1 of the instant invention when the A, B, C and D substituents are hydroxyl groups. Although not exemplified as having a green color, the phthalocyanine dye comprises the same formula as claimed. Therefore, it is expected that the phthalocyanine dye would have a green color, absent any evidence to the contrary. The phthalocyanine dye in formula (5) is also exemplified in the example in paragraph [0030]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the phthalocyanine green colorant of Oishi in the composition of Tronche to improve recording speed of the optical recording medium (paragraph 0004).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/24/2010, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 11 and 13 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made herein.

5. Claims 2 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. The objection to claims 3 and 12 is withdrawn due to the finding of prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CONNIE P. JOHNSON whose telephone number is (571)272-7758. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-4:00pm Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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